

Chairman,

My name Ken Vivrette I live at 92 South Hills Rd. I Am both a Realtor and a resident of Montana City. I have been involved in the majority of the land sales in Northern Jefferson County for the past 16 years. What these buyers all had in common was that they wanted to live in a rural setting. They also had a reasonable expectation of the area staying that way. The current zoning put in place by the citizens of Jefferson County could assure that,----this is government from the bottom- up.

I realize that my position as a Realtor is somewhat of a paradox, given the position of the Montana Association of Realtors, but looking at the big picture citizens involvement in their government is far more important than the alternative, that will be taken away if SB339 does not pass. The alternative example I would like to give you is the recent zoning and emergency zoning that was enacted by the Commissioners of Lewis and Clark County.

I was part of a very diversified group made up of Realtors, the building industry, Smart growth, and Planned Helena. There were an unbelievable amount of hours that went down the drain as the Commissioners got tired of waiting for this citizen oriented group to come to a consensus. We were actually down to one issue, when the County stepped in and told us they were not waiting any longer. As a result, there was a protest and a lawsuit. -----I do not want to see this type of top down Government in Jefferson County. If you have been keeping up with this debate in the Independent Record you will see that the position of the commissioners of Lewis and Clark County and the City are the same.

One last point the people who will be making future decisions in Jefferson County, will not have been elected by the Jefferson County citizens, but assigned by the City and we will lose our chance to be able to vote for a representative Government.

Thank you